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Elizabeth Carder-Thompson, Esq.

Elizabeth is a member of the Life Sciences Health Industry Group, practicing in the area of health care regulatory law. Elizabeth represents associations and individual providers and suppliers of health services, including hospitals, physicians, hospices, pharmaceutical manufacturers, suppliers and manufacturers of medical devices, nursing homes, home health agencies, CORFs, and suppliers of diagnostic, laboratory, and other services, as well as financial services firms that support the health care industry. Her specific areas of responsibility include reimbursement, fraud and abuse matters, and regulatory, legislative, and enforcement issues, primarily involving Medicare, Medicaid, and third-party payors.

For example, in the regulatory area, Elizabeth has assisted clients in obtaining Medicare and Medicaid coverage of new items and services; negotiated with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to rescind or modify coverage guidelines affecting reimbursement of services and equipment; obtained revisions to manual requirements governing reimbursement for therapeutic and diagnostic services; and served as health care regulatory counsel for a variety of public offering and financing transactions.

In the area of fraud and abuse, Elizabeth provides counseling, transactional advice, and audit and enforcement representation. She has represented clients under investigation by the Office of Inspector General, the Department of Justice, and other investigatory bodies, including handling qui tam or "whistleblower" actions under the False Claims Act. She counsels clients on potential fraud and abuse aspects of promotional initiatives, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, contracts and other business arrangements by and between providers, manufacturers, and other entities. She has assisted many clients in developing and evaluating corporate compliance programs.

Employment History

1978 - Reed Smith

Honors & Awards

Recognized as a Washington, D.C. Super Lawyer for her Health Care practice from 2007-2011. Super Lawyers identifies the top 5 percent of attorneys in each state, as chosen by their peers and through the independent research of Law & Politics.

Named by Chambers USA as one of America's leading Health Care lawyers (2007-2010).

Recognized by Nightingale's Healthcare News as one of America's outstanding Healthcare Fraud and Compliance attorneys in 2008.

Named by Health Law360 as an "Outstanding Woman" for her accomplishments in the legal profession.

Named as one of America's leading lawyers in Health Care Law in the 2011 and 2012 editions of The Best Lawyers in America. The Best Lawyers lists, representing 80 specialties in all 50 states and Washington, D.C., are compiled through an exhaustive peer-review survey in which thousands of the top lawyers in the United States confidentially evaluate their professional peers.

Professional Affiliations

Past President, American Health Lawyers Association ("AHLA")

AHLA Fraud and Compliance Forum (with the Health Care Compliance Association) - Past Chair

AHLA Life Sciences Law Institute - Co-Chair (2011-2012)

Board of Trustees, Willam & Mary Law School Foundation